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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ISSUES SAFETY WARNING FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURED HOMES

JEFFERSON CITY - The Missouri Public Service Commission is warning consumers who buy new manufactured homes to make sure they are installed properly. The warning is being issued in the wake of tornadoes that destroyed hundreds of homes in Northeast Arkansas, Southeast Missouri and Western Tennessee.

"We want to make sure that the people who lost their homes to tornadoes that are buying manufactured homes get their new homes installed as quickly as possible, but it's vital that these homes are installed to meet current safety standards," said PSC Chairman Jeff Davis. "Proper tie-down and anchoring of manufactured homes is essential to the safety of the homeowner and those around them," said Davis.

In 2005, the Missouri General Assembly passed new licensing regulations for installers of manufactured homes in response to safety concerns raised by the Missouri Public Service Commission and others. The Commission wants consumers to be aware that installers from out-of-state may not be licensed in Missouri and may not install homes to the same safety standards it requires as the entity that regulates the installation and set-up of all new and pre-owned manufactured homes for the State of Missouri.

The Commission has a special manufactured housing hotline at 1-800-819-3180 to take questions about the installation of new and used manufactured homes. A complete list of licensed installers and approved anchoring systems/requirements can be found on the PSC website at www.psc.mo.gov (click on the "house" icon).